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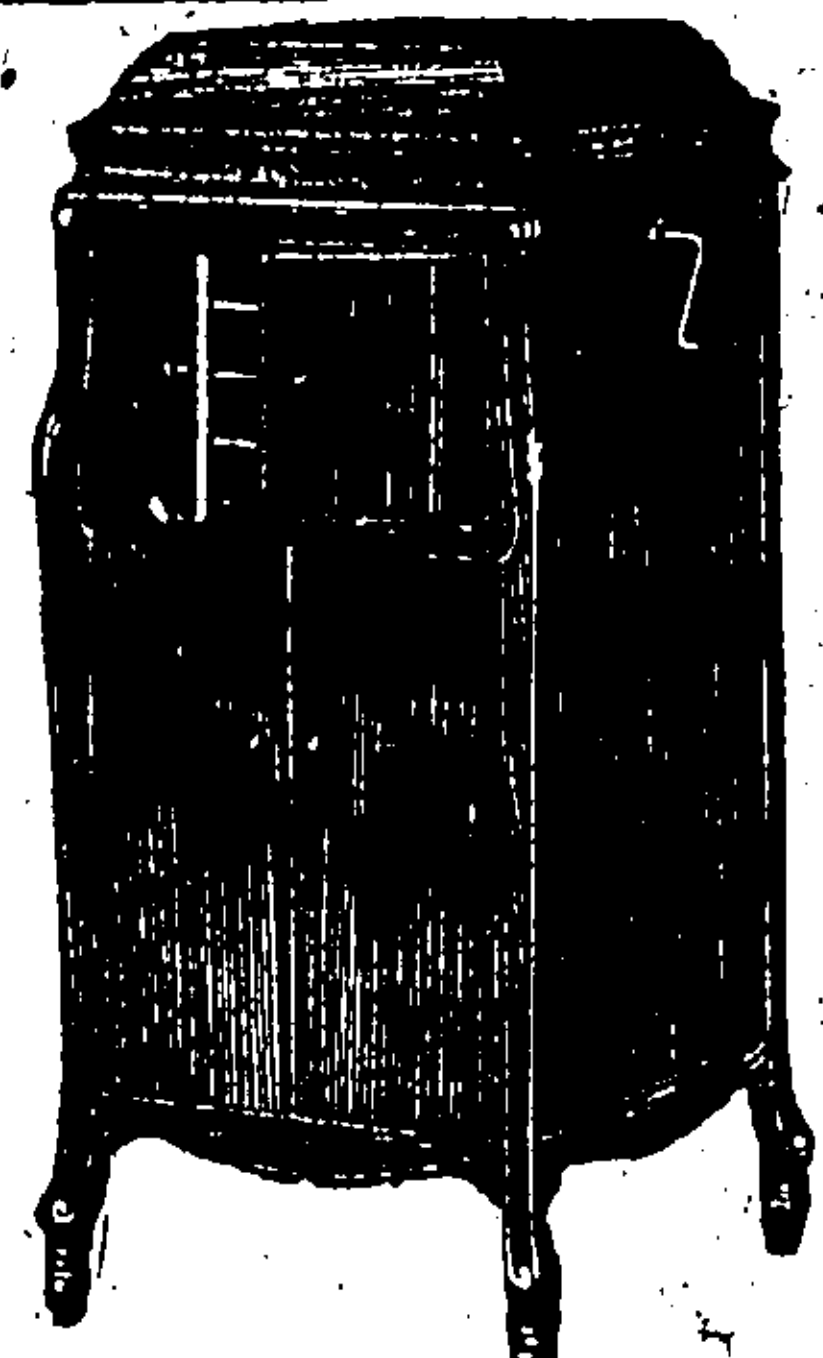
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CABINET DIVIDED?

FRENCH POLICY HITCH.

ANSWERS DELAYED.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE PROBLEM.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 8.
The fact that a Cabinet meeting has been fixed for to-day to frame the British answer to France, Belgium and Italy about the reparations and the Ruhr has been postponed until to-morrow is regarded by some papers as indicating the existence of differences in the Cabinet on the subject of the policy towards France. The Die-Hard section is insisting on co-operation with France and Belgium in demanding that Germany unconditionally abandon passive resistance. Others hold the opinion that the limit of British concessions to the French standpoint has been reached.

The Manchester Guardian says that the Cabinet is between two alternatives:

- (1) To record publicly the incompatibility of the views held by Paris and London but to maintain the Allied basis for European settlement.
- (2) To attempt to reach separate Anglo-German agreement.

Meanwhile the Paris press is again giving prominence to the independent Rhineland idea.

Le Matin, which declares that British egotism is the sole obstacle thereto, appeals to Mr. Baldwin to accept M. Poincaré as a pilot of peace as Britain accepted Marshal Foch as a pilot of victory.

The French papers are giving prominence to the presence in Paris of Lord Robert Cecil who conferred with M. Poincaré to-day. Le Journal describes him as a very suitable man to effect Anglo-French rapprochement.

GERMANY'S MEDICINE.

BERLIN, August 8.
Herr Cuno, the Premier, speaking in the Reichstag, said that the principles underlying the British proposals for a solution of the reparations problem were in nowise pleasant to Germany. He declared the Government was unable to acquiesce in the French demand that it should suggest to the people in the Ruhr they should abandon passive resistance.

MARKS A JOKE.

LONDON, August 8.
German marks have reached what the market terms the joke level, namely 27,000,000 to the pound. The market holds the opinion that Germany will sooner or later write down her currency. There has been limited business by negotiation. Marks finished at 18,100,000. Francs were as follows:—79.90; and Belgian 102.45.

BRITISH TRADE SUFFERS.

LONDON, August 8.
The extent of British trade with Germany is set forth in the Board of Trade Journal which states that in the first six months of 1923 it was as follows: United Kingdom imports, £17,000,000; exports £21,000,000; and re-exports of foreign and colonial merchandise from the United Kingdom, £10,000,000; compared with £27,000,000 £32,000,000 and £17,000,000 during the whole of 1922. The values in both periods were practically the same.

GERMAN CHARGES.

BERLIN, August 8.
Speaking in the Reichstag, Herr Cuno, in the course of an indictment of the occupying forces, said that hitherto a hundred Germans in the occupied districts had lost their lives, ten had been sentenced to death and 110,000 had been deported. A milliard marks had been stolen.

Herr Cuno recalled that France and Belgium since the occupation had only received one fifth of the coal and coke in comparison with former German deliveries. He declared that the employers and employees would not work at the point of the bayonet. The latest threat to place the pits under a French and Belgian regime would not make any difference.

Herr Cuno, while exhorting the strong maintenance of passive resistance, discountenanced violence and criminal outrages.

His speech was frequently interrupted. The House received it somewhat coldly.

DISSOLVED.

LONDON, August 8.

The Free State Parliament has dissolved.

CROWN COLONIES.

IMPERIAL ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE.

PRODUCING INTERESTS.

LONDON, August 8.
The British Empire Producers' organisation has sent a memorial to the Secretary of State for the Colonies urging him to invite to the Imperial Economic Conference two representatives of the Crown Colonies, not officials, but representatives of producing interests, on the ground that future British industry is bound up in the development of the tropical and sub-tropical resources of the Empire.

NATION MOURNS.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S FUNERAL.

SOLEMN SCENES.

SILENT CROWDS THROUGH ROUTE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WASHINGTON, August 8.
Pennsylvania Avenue was lined with silent crowds who had been waiting hours. The only sounds audible were the hoof beats of the horses and the rumbling of cannon as the procession passed. Few windows showed lights and the subdued street lights lent a sombreness to the scene.

The caisson was followed by cars containing the new President, Mr. Coolidge, Mr. Taft a former President, Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, and others. They entered the White House at midnight.

The coffin was taken to the East Room where there were endless banks of flowers from the monarchs and Governments of the world.

Mr. Coolidge, the Cabinet Ministers and the Judges stood a moment beside the coffin and then departed. Mrs. Harding went to the White House before the procession whose arrival she did not witness.

A guard of honour is watching the dead till the State funeral to-day.

LAST RITES.

WASHINGTON, August 8.
The last rites for the late President Harding were held in the rotunda by the Baptist pastor and chaplain of the House of Representatives.

General Pershing on horseback led the funeral procession from the White House to the Capitol through sorrowing throngs. As the body was borne out from the White House, a bugler appeared in the portico and sounded a 'single note of call to attention. The cavalry sharply saluted. There was a flourish of drums and a ten gun salute from Fort Meyer.

Mrs. Harding descended the steps heavily veiled. She was escorted by the Secretary.

Dr. Sawyer entered the car which followed the pall-bearers.

BRITAIN'S TRIBUTE.

Next came a car with Mr. Coolidge, the new President, then Mr. Taft, and Mr. Wilson, both former Presidents. King George's personal representative was prominent in the pageant. There were also Canadian and Australian envoys.

Bands played "Onward Christian Soldiers" as the procession progressed and a quartette sang "Lead Kindly Light." Bible passages included the 23rd Psalm, a selection from Revelations and a verse from Micah, "What does the Lord require of thee," where the late Mr. Harding opened the Bible when he was sworn in as President.

Prayers were followed by "Nearer my God to Thee" and concluded with the Benediction.

Thousands of people subsequently passed the body lying in state.

GERMAN TRIBUTE.

BERLIN, August 8.
Before Herr Cuno made his speech in the Reichstag the President, Herr Loeb, delivered a tribute to the late President Harding everybody standing.

LABOUR CONGRESS.

DOCKERS FORCE ENTRANCE.

EXCITING SCENES.

LONDON, August 8.
The Irish Trade Union Labour Congress in Dublin was again disturbed, 150 striking dockers forcing an entrance to the grounds of the Mansion House. The congress was suspended, delegates barricading the doors while the police kept back the intruders.

The President pacified the demonstrators, after which the Congress passed a resolution demanding the immediate release or trial of thousands of citizens still imprisoned or interned.

FIGHT WITH FANATICS.

PHILIPPINES ENCOUNTER.

MOROS WIPED OUT.

MANILA, August 8.
Practically the whole band of Moro fanatics has been wiped out in a fight with constabulary at lake Lanao, on the island of Mindanao, when 56 Moros were killed and three constables were wounded. The Moros started the fighting. Some of their leaders who recently returned from Mecca were bent on expelling all Christians from the island.

SOVIET TRADE ENVOY.

LONDON, August 8.
Investigation of Mr. Rakovsky's alleged anti-British utterances has not been finished. The question of whether he is persona grata to the British Government is still undecided.
[Rakovsky has been appointed Soviet trade envoy to London in succession to Krassin.]

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THE NEXT GOVERNMENT.

Lord Salisbury it was who said it was never safe to prophesy unless you knew. The art of prophecy is as old as the Bible but not always so successful as in the early days when

"Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

and, with the exception of certain notable Seers was founded on moral certainty. Nowadays the moral certainty is oft a vain delusion and as stable as an Ice House. Street "lip" regarding "a good thing." The wish is often father to the thought; the realization a great deal further from it. We can therefore well understand the leaders of the Labour Party predicting that in 1926 the Country will return them to Office with a working majority that will give them the right to rule the Country—and the Empire. It is a simple essay in prophecy to put down the year of the next General Election as 1926. Why not 1925? or even this present year of grace when literally we are living on the edge of not merely one, but a dozen precipices, or if it sounds or looks better, volcanoes? For it needs very little to shatter any Government to bits, and to have it mouldered nearer someone else's heart's desires, but not those who oppose the new faction, in press and pulpit, in the House and out of it. The last time it was a mere "Cabin Boy" who was responsible, older if younger than most Cabin Boys. Even the strolling tongue of an ex-Lord Chan-

cellor did not stop the work of ending a coalition that refused to end itself and seemed likely to go on to the crack of doom. The result is that "F.E." is the bete noir of the "Die Hards" of his own party, ploughing as Lord Roseberry would have it "a lonely furrow" of, let it be added, a jobless life. That is what may be described as the glorious uncertainty of Politics. Our present Premier exemplifies the statement: He earns our praises even if he has not as yet gained the prayers he asked for. Praising is easier than praying. The one you stand up to perform, more or less; the other you kneel down to, and very few there are who stoop to humility these days. With the spread of the betting and sweepstake habit it is quite on the cards, or the tickets, that some enterprising people are prepared to put their "fancy" to the pocket test and predict the winner for the next Government Stakes. The present collection of "Stars" derisively jeered at—for he is a past master in the art—by my Lord of Birkenhead at their alleged lack of brains, has enough problems and difficulties to face and solve that would tax the courage and the mind of the bravest and the brainiest. They may be described as the scavengers of the mess left by the war and by their Coalitionist predecessors, who gaily swept the rooms and forgot the corners. Who used patent vacuum cleaners instead of good old English brooms; who perorated, prousted and pocketed. Think of the corners. Reparations, the Ruhr and the air questions. That little Dock at Singapore. The problems of the Provisional pin. The employment of the unemployed. All dusty corners and difficult to get at. A sporting thing would be to give

the present "poor but honest" Government a chance and to judge it on its achievements alone. But the thing is not done that way. Electorates like crowds have poor memories, no souls and consequently very little sentiment. His Majesty's Opposition yelped the Labour Party may well bear that in mind, taking also into account that probably superior intellectual forces are already stirring the country on the spread of what is called Socialism; and on some of the hard-wood planks of the Labourite platform—the capital levy to name the apparently principal one. Add to this the conduct of a number of members of the Labour Party in the House recently, the current and cross-currents in the hourly life of Politics and the gentlemen of the "Red Flag" might well be advised not to prophesy until they actually know. Gone are the days when as Gilbert put it every "little stranger" born into the world was "either a little Lib-er-ut or else a little Con-serv-ative." Some of us, most of us indeed, are what we are in politics by reason of not knowing what we are. We are all sitting on the fence, with Mrs. Malaprop might say "The white feather of a blameless life." We do not prophesy as to who will govern us after the next General Election. It will probably be another Coalition—probably a Lib-Labour one. Whatever it is it can't be very much worse than those which have gone before, leaving the usual track of pensioners, Earls, and Governors. If the functions of most oppositions is to turn the other side out why not agitate for the time when: "None shall be for party but all for the state"? This is too much to expect. We shall be asking the Peak to be on visiting terms with Kowloon. The millennium is not yet.

Water Restriction.

The majority of Chinese residents approached by the China Mail in an endeavour to ascertain the Chinese opinion on the water question after the statement made by the Water Authority and published in Tuesday's issue seem to think that they were needlessly disappointed. It was pointed out that the Government had practically stated that the chances of removal of the present restrictions would be as good as another ten inches of rain fall. The rain has come. Also, according to the figures issued by the Observatory, this year's rainfall is not far behind the average. We have previously referred to the fact that the majority of the uneducated Chinese believe that the restrictions were being continued with a view to making the Chinese accept the proposal to instal meters in the rider-main districts. We gave the authorities the opportunity to nail this rumour. As some of those approached state, the demand for water is keener in the hot months. Could not the restrictions be removed now and be re-imposed when cooler weather sets in when the demand will have lessened? The feeling seems to be that the reservoirs may be full when the rainy season is over. But the benefits of unrestricted supply then will not be as great as they will be now. Mr. Parvis, the acting Water Authority, was quoted as saying that there is room in the reservoirs for another 600 million gallons. Does this mean that the restrictions will only be removed when every reservoir is overflowing? We feel that in the interests of all concerned it would be advisable to increase the present supply from two hours daily to four or at least three, the service to be on twice a day instead of once. Despite the official denial, some of the Chinese residents still think that the Government wishes to force meters on the public. A slight concession would go a long way towards removing this unfounded belief.

The Next C. J.

Our Chief Justice is to retire next year on pension and rumourists mention as possible successors the Attorney-General and somebody from Ceylon. Against the appointment of the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp there cannot be said much except that his judicial experience has been limited to an occasional spell of police court work and a brief stretch of nine months as acting Puisne Judge, about ten years ago. Mr. Kemp's reputation for scrupulous fairness to the other side disposes perhaps of the objection which might otherwise be taken on academic grounds that an official accustomed always to look at things from the Crown's point of view is likely to have a certain amount of natural bias in that direction which

it may take him some time to get rid of when he takes his seat on the Supreme Court bench. The suggestion that someone may be brought in from Ceylon does seem, however, altogether to lack sense. The spiny isle is providing us with a Director of Public Works but that is a different matter. Very often, where there is a big department to be handled, it is good policy to introduce a new broom rather than risk making a promotion within the department which may be regarded as invidious. The point is that to do his job properly a Chief Justice in Hongkong needs more than a profound knowledge of law. He needs as well a fund of knowledge about Chinese usages and the Chinese temperament which it would take an appointee from Ceylon or anywhere else outside China many years to acquire. We have in the Colony's service one man who does possess this wide experience of local usages besides being learned in law. He is the present Puisne Judge and there seems no sensible reason why he should not be promoted to the Chief Justiceship. It may be that civil service regulations stand in the way; that the vacancy is a plum which some more senior officer somewhere else is entitled to claim as his. If so the system should be altered. Mr. Justice Gompertz has acted as Puisne Judge since 1909, exhibiting an ability and a sagacity which ensure that his appointment as "C.J." would prove as successful as undoubtedly it would be popular.

Today's Poem.

(Three Mysteries.)

Three mysteries there will always be—
The changing sound of the changeless sea,
The riddle of God in flower and thorn,
And the mind of a child that is newly born.
But the smallest of these is the greatest still,
For the sea may be plumbed to its depth at will,
And God may be found in the loneliest wild—
But who can fathom the mind of a child?

—ANON.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 9.—Coronet Theatre; Bryant Washburn in "The Road to London" and Sunshine Sammy in "Saturday Morning".
August 9.—World Theatre; The New Leather Pushers, Round 10, and Mary Miles Minter in "Tillie".

August 9.—Star Theatre; "Bob Hampton of Placer".

PUBLIC AUCTION.

August 10.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, a valuable collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.
August 13.—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown land at Shaikwan, 3 p.m.

MEETING.

December 12.—Meeting of Unsecured Creditors of the Hongkong Branch of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, at the City Hall, 3 p.m.
August 20.—General meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society at St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Silver to the value of \$300 has been stolen from No. 1, Wongnui-chong Road, occupied by Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, the police accountant. Entrance was made at night through a pantry window.

According to the Canton Daily News two more victims of the recent Canton-Kowloon train hold-up have been rescued by the Canton police. Seventy-eight of the eighty-six people kidnapped have been accounted for.

A reward of \$2,000 is offered by the police for information leading to the conviction of the murderer of Detective Cheung Cheong who was shot on Tuesday morning outside Messrs. Ullmann's stores. The police have been busy rounding up suspects but it is not believed that the actual murderer has been arrested.

The Special Course in Life Saving for ten select men of the police force, says the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Journal, was completed last Friday. The men were taught seven "holds" and "breaks" and seven "carries," how to approach a struggling person in the water, how to find a sunken body, etc. Fake drownings were staged and men in full uniform went to the rescue and after some fierce struggling successfully towed the victim to safety. All the men were pleased to have taken the course even though it was hard work. These police will now have the task of instructing their comrades in the art of aquatics.

AT ANCHOR.

Fore-gathered at the estuary,
To music of the lapping tide;
Sea pilgrims in their sanctuary,
The storm-tossed junks at anchor ride.

Their swarthy mariners in song,
At rest from battles long and hard;
Thru typhoon—with their hearts as strong
As seasoned shrouds fast to the yard.

These junks rest on the River Pearl,
With ancient cannon at the rail;
Their golden woven sheets unfurled,
And laid to rest each battered sail.

Suspended are the yards, on every mast,
That once was rooted in the forest gloom;
But now to keel and decks and rigging fast—
Bristling no longer called upon to bloom.

Yet kist by rains adown their naked sides,
Caressed by winds that sing the songs they know;
As with the inward and the outward tides,
Like phantoms of the deep they come and go.

And here between the voyages remain,
To loom in evening o'er the river's sheet;
In silence that will soon be rent again,
With newer cargo stored within the fleet.

What hopes and aims these sea-borne junks will serve?
What secrets in the holds these craft may stow?
From what vicissitudes and danger swerve,
As up and down the China Coast they blow!

Their painted bows with eyes that never sleep,
As partly fish and partly bird in form,
Ne'er rising from the bosom of the deep—
Embraced like sea-birds winged upon the storm.

What stories could these sturdy vessels tell?
What storms and too the wildest piracies?
Beyond our dream-adventure's weirdest hell—
These sailing junks that go down to the seas!

JOHN KYOTO.
1923.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Anderson's announce Columbia records by Dame Clara Butt including the famous "Three Fishers Went Sailing".

Captain Grant of the s.s. "Tak-sang" which arrived yesterday from Swatow has reported that he met with cyclonic weather during the journey.

The China Mail has received a copy of the Holy Trinity College, Canton School magazine, printed in Chinese and English, and containing some excellent articles, as well as a sheaf of brightly written School Notes.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. E. Braddie and Capt. J. S. Lewington were amongst the passengers who left by the s.s. "Khiva" for Europe yesterday.

The engagement is announced at Tientsin, of Miss Grant of Shanghai, to Mr. J. Scott Finn, who is in charge of the Jardine Engineering Corporation in Tientsin. The marriage will take place in Shanghai in September.

Mr. R. J. Birbeck, headmaster of Muxhai English School, left for home by the s.s. "Sarpodon" and expects to be back in February, having been granted six months leave on account of neuritis in the left arm, from which he has been a sufferer for some months.

Dr. Cyril H. Burton of Sydney, Australia, has recently arrived to take charge of the Dental Practice of Dr. J. W. Noble. Dr. Burton is a graduate of the University of Sydney, and the University of Pennsylvania U.S.A. and is relieving Dr. P. Rees Daugherty.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

On Tuesday, one case of small-pox was the only entry under notifiable diseases. During the week ending August 4, the figures of fresh cases reported and the number of deaths (in parentheses) were: plague 4 (4); small-pox 5 (5); enteric 8 (5); paratyphoid 1; meningitis 1; puerperal 1 (2). In addition, there were 4 cases of influenza (not notifiable) reported. Except one American and one British down with enteric, all the patients are Chinese.

"BUNKUM."

COPPER COIN CORNER REPORT.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.
BANK OFFERS REPORTER \$1,000 WORTH.

"Bunkum," said the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer), when told by a China Mail representative this morning, that there are solid grounds for the belief that an attempt is being made to corner copper coins. "Why should anyone wish to make a corner in copper?" the Mail man was asked. The suggestion was made that possibly a plan was maturing to ship large quantities of China to turn the copper into ammunition. "Bunkum," repeated Mr. McI. Messer, "the Chinese would start on their own coinage if they had any such scheme in mind." Finally, the Colonial Treasurer admitted that, while he had no official information on the subject, it was quite likely that a combine of money-changers was behind the scenes and "short-changing" people. Mr. McI. Messer stated that there was plenty of copper coin available for the Colony's needs and his department had no intention of releasing more just to feather the nests of money-changers. If the situation really became serious, it was admitted that Government would take steps in the matter, but what steps Mr. McI. Messer would not say. "It will be time enough to discuss measures when the Chinese have cornered the market."

OTHER VIEWS.
A call was next made at some of the money-changers' shops and, without exception, the quotation was 88 cents to the dollar. The attendant in charge at Tang Kee's shop, in Queen's Road, said: "I buy at 89 and only make one cent profit on the dollar. Some one makes squeeze pidgin; no belong money-changer."

At the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank an official courteously offered the China Mail man one thousand dollars' worth of copper at par. "Any authorised person can get it," he added, "but if a man called for \$100 in copper in the morning and returned in the afternoon asking for five hundred dollars' worth, he might not get it." After consulting his comptroller, the official stated: "Apparently there is some game on among the money-changers, but what it exactly is, our comptroller has not ascertained. We shall continue to give change in copper to authorized persons at par, but shall cease doing so the moment it is apparent we are furthering the designs of the money-changers," said the official in conclusion.

CHINA'S DISUNITY.

PROPOSED ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

CHANG TSO-LIN APPROVES PLAN.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, who has been actively endeavouring to arrange a round-table conference of China's leaders with a view to securing unity, sends the following letter to the China Mail:—

Dear Sir,—Through his Chief of Staff, Mr. Yeung Yu-tung, Marshal Chang Tso-lin, of Manchuria, in a letter addressed to me from Mukden, on the 30th July, expresses himself strongly in favour of the proposal for a round-table conference. A copy of Marshal Chang's letter is attached.

Yours faithfully,
R. HO TUNG.

[ENCLOSURE.]

(Translation.)

MUKDEN, 30th July, 1923.

Sir Robert Ho Tung,
Dear Sir,—I have received and noted the contents of your letter to Marshal Chang with a copy of the telegram sent to you by Dr. Sun Yat-sen which is attached to your letter. Marshal Chang's desire has also been to secure the unification of North and South by peaceful means, and it is exactly for this reason that he has now adopted the system of self-government in his three provinces. Therefore, Marshal Chang expresses himself strongly in favour of your proposal to convene a round-table conference of the principal leaders of the North and South to terminate the dissensions which mark the present situation.

We should have replied to you by telegram, but, as we do not know your address, we are obliged to reply by letter.

With kind regards—Yours sincerely,
(Ed.) YEUNG YU-TUNG,
Chief of Staff.

[Sir Robert Ho Tung has already received replies from Dr. Sun Yat-sen, President Li Yuan-hung, Gen. Wu Pei-fu and Tachun Lu Yung-hsing, expressing the support of the proposed conference.]

ANOTHER WINNER.

PROGRAMME WORTH FIVE DOLLARS.

The holder of the following theatre programme is requested to forward it to the China Mail office when a coupon to the value of \$5 will be issued which may be changed for goods to the same value with any of the advertisers in the China Mail.

Star Theatre Programme No. 205, issued Tuesday to Wednesday, August 7 and 8.

Patrons of the three Cinema Theatres, the Coronet, Star, and World are advised to retain their programmes and study the number to be found on the front page.

WATER SUPPLY.

REQUEST TO MODIFY RESTRICTIONS.

At yesterday's meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall announced that the Water Authority has been requested to modify the restrictions in the rider-main districts.

Mr. Li Po-kwat, the chairman of the Chamber, stated that a number of letters had been received since the second typhoon this year. Mr. Kotewall referred to the reply he had received from the Water Authority to a broad translation of which has been published in the China Mail and went on to state that together with the Hon. Mr. Chau Si-ki, he had seen the Secretary for Chinese Affairs who had acquiesced in the view that the present service should be increased as the supply of water had almost returned to normal.

On Tuesday, a letter was sent to the Water Authority and as the result of a meeting between the S. C. A. and several Chinese merchants yesterday, another letter had been sent. Mr. Kotewall concluded by expressing a hope that the restrictions would soon be modified.

TSAO KUN'S PLANS.

VISIT TO PEKING POSTPONED.

PEKING, Aug. 8.—The Cabinet officially denies the report published locally that Tsao Kun is coming to Peking on Thursday to carry out the election of an extraordinary President.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

FINANCIAL OPTIMISM.

PEKING, August 8. It is expected that Chang Hu will be appointed Minister of Finance in a few days. He is at Tientsin endeavouring to raise funds to meet pressing Government needs. It is believed that at least \$2,000,000 will be collected.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

LABOURERS' ARMY UNDER TAN YEN-KAI.

PEKING, Aug. 8. General Tan Yen-kai having reached Hengchow, Chao Heng-ti has telegraphically asked him, in order to avoid unnecessary suffering to the people through hostilities, to designate his force the "Labourers' Army".—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

DARED THREE TIMES.

THEN STABBED WITH KNIFE.

At the No. 1 beef stall yesterday, the chief butcher struck an apprentice for disobeying orders. The boy defied him to do so again and was promptly cuffed a second time. The boy then dared the butcher to repeat the dose yet again and said this time he would strike back with a knife. As the challenge was taken up the boy stabbed the man below the shoulder, inflicting a rather serious wound. Loss of blood caused the butcher to collapse and he was taken to hospital in an ambulance. The boy has been detained.

LOCAL SWIMMING.

EX-CHAMPION'S VIEW.

Mr. J. R. Johnstone who left to-day for Canada stated that as an old swimmer he had taken a keen interest in several of Hongkong's Younger Swimmers who, he thought would develop into future champions. He particularly mentioned Mr. Arthur May who he thought would be the Colony's champion ere long. Mr. Johnstone urged some of the older swimmers to lend a hand in the training of the younger generation. The present style of swimming seemed to be the crawl. Those who learn seem to develop this stroke at the outset. Several of the young swimmers had remarkably fine strokes and the future should witness some fine contests between them.

ARMS EVIL.

MURDER SENSATION
SEQUEL

GOVERNMENT MEASURES.

STERNER SENTENCES WITH
FLOGGING.

The local arms evil having become steadily worse, culminating in Tuesday's sensational murder in Queen's Road Central, the Government has decided to take sterner measures against persons found in unlawful possession of arms. These measures, which include ten years' hard labour and flogging, are outlined in the following letter the "China Mail" received this afternoon from the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., O.B.E.):—

Sir,—I am directed to state that the Government proposes to bring before the Legislative Council at an early date a bill which will increase very considerably the penalties for the unauthorised possession or carrying of arms.

It is the intention to provide that all cases shall come before a Judge of the Supreme Court, that the maximum penalty shall be increased to imprisonment with hard labour for a period of ten years, and that the punishment of flogging with the cat shall be added.

When the bill becomes law, its provisions will be enforced immediately and with the utmost rigour. Permits to possess and carry arms for lawful purposes are issued in the discretion of the Captain Superintendent of Police, and all members of the Community are warned of the most serious consequences which will attend the possession or carrying of arms for any purpose whatsoever, unless a permit has been granted.

[This letter plainly indicates that Europeans are also liable to the increased penalties, for it distinctly states that all cases shall come before the Criminal Court under the new law.]

SIX WEEKS' JAIL.

THIS MORNING'S CASE.

Six weeks in jail was the sentence meted out to a Chinese who claimed to be a subordinate of a Chinese military officer this morning by Mr. C. D. Melbourne.

The man was arrested when he arrived on the s.s. "Honam" last night with a number of rounds of Mauser ammunition in his possession.

In court he pleaded that his superior had given him the rounds to carry.

CLOSE THING.

HARBOUR COLLISION
AVERTED.

Having narrowly missed a collision with No. 10 Police Launch, in which Mr. L. H. Booth, A. S. P., was patrolling the harbour on August 1, the master of the steam launch "Lee Ha" was fined \$20 by the Marine Magistrate (Commander Beckwith R. N.) to-day for failure to observe the rule of the road.

Mr. Booth said his launch was proceeding westward through the southern fairway on the starboard side when the "Lee Ha" came up on his port side and attempted to cross ahead. Seeing that there was likely to be collision he stopped the launch and went astern. When the "Lee Ha" was close up she went hard astarboard, damaging the stern of the other launch.

The defendant pleaded that he was sick and left the bridge in charge of a seaman. Five previous convictions were mentioned and Commander Beckwith decided to make a month's jail the alternative to payment of the fine.

TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory by the local American Consulate General:—

7 p.m. August 8.
1. Typhoon in about 127 deg. Long. E. 19 deg. Lat. N. direction unknown.
2. Cyclone or typhoon W. of the Laroing or Mariana Islands moving N. N. East.

11 a.m. August 9, 1923.
Typhoon in about 125 deg. Long. E. 20 deg. Lat. N. moving W.N.W.

ABOUT BOOKS.

LETTERS FROM THE
CHERUB.

CHINESE GIRLS' NAMES.

Dear Belinda,—Apart from the weather as a topic of complaint, there is not much to excite the feelings of the dweller in Hongkong who has aspirations for higher things. A season of opera stirred some of us, although if it had not been for our Portuguese friends, whose support was enthusiastically consistent throughout the thirteen nights of song, the effort would have resulted in an early demise. As you know, things musically are generally hard to sustain, so much so that they say that artists of repute either avoid us, or are advised to do so, in order to suffer no artistic and financial loss. We hope for better days. Things literary and scientific, in spite of the fact that we boast a University, are almost dead things. Shanghai seems to be better off than we are in Hongkong, being well served in every department of life that seeks to elevate, educate, instruct and amuse. For instance, here is the Summer number of "The China Journal of Science and Arts" edited by Arthur De C. Sowerby and John C. Ferguson, being the official publication of the China Society of Science and Arts. I had occasion to mention a previous issue of the Society's Journal, and set out to prove (it was not a difficult task) how fine a thing this Journal is. Its interest is not merely local—by local I mean China—but world-wide, for science and literature know no bounds. The summer number is a bulky production, well produced, and I found it engrossing reading for one night, in spite of the heat. The opening essay is one on "The war on insect pests" which deserves to be reprinted and sent out broadcast. Its hints and advice are alike timely. A plate with a weak formaldehyde solution in it on the table, will attract flies who drink a little and then crawl away for a few inches and die. Cats and dogs bring insects in, and the minute white eggs of the latter are scattered over the floors, getting into dusty cracks and crannies, where they hatch out. Food of any kind should not be left about as they attract cockroaches. These may seem mundane matters, but out here they are as the plagues of the Israelites. I must confess that the paper which interested me most is the one by L. C. Arlington on "The Chinese Female Names." No one interested in things Chinese should miss this. It is the result of much research, and is of a fascinating character. A girl, the moment she is born is given a "milk" or "pet" name, taken from some incident connected with her birth. If the girl is born in the first month of Spring her pet name would be, in all probability, "First Moon in Spring." When she is grown up, she is given a "Big name" which may be "Precious Pearl." Should she enter school she is given a school name which may be "Pure Jade." You will see from this how the writer beginning from the first days of the girl-child leads us on through the maze of her life, giving us the various names she acquires. It is a long essay but not a word too long, so interesting is "Evensons" he says "are given girls' names in the belief that the gods will really believe them to be girls, and not bring sickness, injury or death on them." I am afraid I shall exhaust much available space if I go on quoting at this rate, but I think I have said enough to prove that the Journal is one to keep, read, and recommend. This particular number contains a "continued" essay on "The Chinese Idea of a Garden" by Florence Ayscough, book reviews, a travel in the Yangtze Gorges, well illustrated, and scientific essays on Fisheries in China, Migration Notes, The Role of Bacteria in Nature, The Aborigines of West China, The Mud Skipper, etc. I am sending you a copy of the Journal for your own perusal. I fully expect to hear that you enjoyed it very much.

Your friend,

THE CHERUB.

THE STAR.

"BOB HAMPTON OF
PLACER."

The Star is showing "Bob Hampton of Placer" commencing to-day. "Bob Hampton of Placer" is an historical film. It is a portrayal of American frontier life in the old days, when the Redskins were on the war path. One of the most spectacular scenes is that showing General Guster's famous stand against the Indians. The producer, enlisted the services of a tribe of Blackfoot Indians for this episode. With the Indian hordes, the secrets, the horses and the wagon-trains, it is a vivid picture of an oldtime frontier fight. The title role is taken by James Kirkwood, and another favourite in the picture is Wesley "Freckles" Barry.

THE CHURCH.

SOME SEARCHING QUESTIONS.

Among the many organizations in the world to-day, none occupies a position of leadership and influence comparable to that of the Christian Church. In spite of the statement which is sometimes made that interest in religion is lessening, the increase in Church membership in many of the nations is greater than the increase in population. Each year shows a steady and substantial gain.

How do we account for this steady drift toward the Church? It offers no material advantage; it contributes but little if at all to one's social standing; it makes constant demands upon the time and purse of its adherents, and the burden of its teaching centres about giving rather than getting. It must be recognized that some are actuated by fear of the hereafter, and regard church membership as a passport to heaven, but these constitute a very small minority. What then is the reason for the continual growth of the Church and the loyalty of its great membership? Simply this: While "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" there is in every human breast a desire to rise above the sordid and debasing things of life to a higher plane of living, and it is recognized that the Church holds the key to the secret of true nobility of character.

The Church lays no claim to perfection, and its failures have been many, but it is well to remember that while it represents the Divine, its visible representatives are distinctly human and subject to human limitations. It has never been claimed that the Church is a company of saints, but simply ordinary folk who believe in the principals and ideals that Jesus lived and taught and are seeking to make their lives conform to those ideals. It stands as the guardian of all classes of people, the antagonist of every form of vice, the advocate of the highest ideals, the voice of God calling all men everywhere to repentance and fellowship with Him. When we add to the regular work of the Church the tremendous accomplishments of those agencies which have sprung from the Church and are more or less connected with it—practically all charities, settlement house and welfare organizations, asylums, orphanages, the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, rescue missions, soldiers and sailors' homes, schools, colleges, universities, and many others—we begin to realize the great outreach of our Christian programme of which the Church is the centre and for which she is chiefly responsible.

Are you a member of the Church? If not, why not? Granting that a man may be a Christian independent of the Church, it is inconceivable

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per P. & O. s.s. "Soudan" on August 7.—Mrs. Cowling, Mr. Ohm Heng Kum, Mr. Yeung Man Chow, Mr. O. W. Donaldson.

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A despatch to the Daily Bulletin from Tokyo, dated August 8, reads:—Mr. Kametkichi Yamazaki, vice-president of the Tokyo Business Men's Association, has been appointed by the capitalists as their representative at the International Labour Conference. Mr. Yamazaki is proceeding to Moscow to-morrow with the Business Mission, whence he proceeds to Geneva.

able that one who is in sympathy with Christian ideals should not regard it as a high privilege to be associated with those who are fighting the forces of evil and are striving for the ideal life as exemplified in Jesus Christ.

From "Hongkong Young men," Chinese Y.M.C.A.

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SMART FINE.

Strong comment was passed by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, barrister-at-law, on the action of Mr. D. Burlingham, Assistant Superintendent of Police, in Mr. C. D. Melbourne's court yesterday afternoon when a charge of accepting bribes was heard against a senior Sikh police officer. In the witness-box, Mr. Burlingham stated that on August 1 a number of rickshas came to the Central Station and reported certain incidents. In consequence, they were each given 20 cents marked money and told to infringe the traffic regulations outside the Sincere Company Store on the following day at mid-day, by squinting at the side of the road for a specified time. The rickshas were to be placed in such a position that they could be seen by Mr. Burlingham and Police Sergeant Elston, who were to be in hiding near by. It was known that the Indian Sergeant would pass along this portion of the road and what action he would take would be witnessed by the Police Officers.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, Mr. Burlingham said that accused had over 20 years' service in the Force and previous to that had served 10 years in the military. Witness also said that accused could get his pension at the end of the month and that he had intended to retire. He had been commended on four occasions by the C.S.P. and once by H.E. the Governor.

By Mr. Jenkin: Was this scheme engineered entirely as the result of your own personal activities?—Entirely.

I think you were at no pains to let it be known that you were going to take this course?—Nobody else knew except Sgt. Elston and myself and my informers.

Later, Mr. Jenkin asked: These rickshas were told to infringe the traffic regulations for this purpose?—I told them to remain there for some time. They sat down for ten minutes and that was an infringement of the Regulations.

And you gave them 20 cents each?—Yes.

What actually happened down at Sincere's?—I do not know. I did not see it out.

The next witness was one of the ricksha coolies. He described at length how the money was passed to accused.

Mr. Jenkin: The defendant is one of the best detested police officers in the Traffic Department?—He is notorious for taking money from ricksha pullers.

And his figure was always about 30 cents?—It varied. Sometimes it was 30 cents, and sometimes 50 cents.

And were you prepared to pay the maximum amount of 50 cents?—The reason for paying the 30 cents is this; if I was taken to the Police Court I might be fined \$3. It is cheaper to pay 30 cents (laughter).

You are getting "pretty fed up" with being fined?—Of course I was feeling "pretty fed up."

The other ricksha coolie (cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin) was asked: If he (defendant) is taken off this duty you will be very pleased about it, won't you?—If he does not summon me, I will be pleased.

And if it is put out of his power to summon you, you will be just as pleased?—Yes.

Detective Sergeant Elston, who was concealed in a house opposite to Sincere's when the incident was going on, then gave evidence. He deposed to taking the marked coins from accused's hand after the latter had taken them out from his trousers pocket. Mention was also made of entries in accused's notebook which did not tally with entries in a rough sheet with a list of ricksha numbers. Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin witness suggested that accused would enter the numbers from his rough sheet into the notebook if the coolies did not pay the money demanded.

Giving evidence, accused denied the charge alleging that he only had a \$1 note and 5 cents when Sergeant Elston came up to him. He further stated that the sergeant opened the coolie's hand and took the money from it. He attributed his method of having some ricksha numbers in the rough sheet and some in the book to instructions from a former Traffic Inspector and to not having time to post all the numbers into his book.

WATER POLO.

R.G.A. EASILY DEFEAT KING'S.

[ARGUS.]

At the conclusion of the swimming contests at the V.R.C. fête last night, the R.G.A. and King's (first teams) met in the Hongkong Water Polo League. A fast game, too often spoilt by fouling, was witnessed but the R.G.A. always had the upper hand and won comfortably by 5 goals to 1. A curious feature was that each side missed a penalty shot—McDade for the R.G.A. and Parry for the King's.

The R.G.A. were the first to attack and came very close to scoring, the ball going over. After two corners in their favour, the King's drew first blood through the agency of Jones. The R.G.A. twice sent over the bar, before Harris made the scores level. They kept up the pressure, and after Parry had missed a penalty for the King's, McDade put the R.G.A. a goal ahead just before the interval.

In the second half the R.G.A. superiority was more marked and, in spite of poor shooting, they added 3 more goals (Reddick, McDade, Wood). With the exception of three shots which hit the bar, the King's were never dangerous in this half. The sides were:—

R.G.A. (A):—Kyte (goal); Lelliott, Hitchens (backs); Wood (half-back); Reddick, McDade, Harris (forwards).

King's (A):—Moore (goal); Bliss, Hill (backs); Proffitt (half-back); Paul, Jones, Parry (forwards).

Referee: Mr. J. C. Finch.

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LONDON AT THE CORONET.

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Mr. Jenkin, addressing the Court, said it was a rather miserable action to bring a case of this sort against an officer of such seniority and of such high record in the service. It seemed a very miserable action to set a trap for a case of such a petty nature at the expense of a great deal of time on the part of the Superintendent. He should have imagined that it would not have been possible in these stirring times for high police officials to try and trap an old and meritorious officer by engaging ricksha coolies to bring about his downfall and in order that the defendant might be within the Criminal Law of bribery. That was mean, and it was more especially so in view of the fact in a short time the defendant would have been retiring to his native country.

Going into the evidence Mr. Jenkin suggested that Sergeant Elston might be wrong in what he saw and it was possible that in the excitement of the moment his recollection was at fault.

Replying for the prosecution Mr. Burlingham said that the police regretted having to bring the case and in spite of references from his learned friend they had to put a stop to "squeeze." A warning had been issued to all senior officers and this man, in spite of his excellent record, had fallen to mercenary temptation. He pressed for a heavy penalty.

His Worship said the case was a sad one. The defendant had served for a number of years with the police and was on the verge of receiving his pension. He proposed giving the defendant the option of a fine which would be \$250 with an alternative of six weeks' imprisonment.

K.K.K. WARNING.

AUTHOR CHARGED WITH BLACKMAIL.

At Stafford George Bosson, 45, of Trentham, Staffordshire, was charged with uttering a letter demanding £100 by means from Mrs. Emily Margaret Harrison, a widow of a shipowner, of Maer Hall, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

A letter addressed to Mrs. Harrison was read. Headed "Warning K.K.K. Lond." it stated that an English society of the American Ku Klux Klan had been formed by a group of destitute ex-soldiers, and was determined to raise by force the means of life for which the members had fought. Mrs. Harrison was directed to post £100 to Stafford Post Office, where the money would be collected.

In default of punctual payment of the writer, threatened that Mrs. Harrison's house would be sacked and if she divulged the "warning" to the police she was threatened with "scale 2 penalties" which included:

Bombing of premises of informer.
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Prolonged molestation and gradual wearing down of the informer to submission.

At the police station Bosson, it was alleged, wrote a statement in which he said he was a journalist and author, but had been unsuccessful. He felt he was being pushed into outlawry without a chance of redemption. Being a fiction writer, the idea of the letter came too easily to his mind, but while admitting it to be a disgusting thing to do, he wrote that it was more or less a hoax, there being no such society to his knowledge and he had no intention of carrying out the foolish threats.

Bosson, who was committed for trial at the assizes, pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence.

90 CHILDREN, 3 ROOMS.

FILTH AND STARVATION SCHOOL.

A terrible story of suffering inflicted on children has come to light following the refusal of the proprietor of a boarding school at Rans, near Antwerp, to allow a nurse belonging to the Society for the Protection of Children to pay a visit of inspection.

The matter was reported to the judicial authorities, who ordered a search of the school. The sight which met the eyes of the searchers is said to have been indescribable.

In three rooms, walls and floors of which were filthy and some of the windows of which were without glass, were ranged small bare beds, each furnished with a single mattress and one dirty blanket, in which 90 children, between the ages of 8 and 15, had to sleep, sometimes 2, and even 3, in one bed.

Questions put to the children elicited the facts that for breakfast they receive a piece of dry bread, and for dinner and supper boiled, unpeeled potatoes. No meat or any other vegetable was ever seen. Soap and towels were unknown.

Among the inmates of the school are two little English children, Eva and James Wesley, aged 8 and 4 respectively. They have been there for two years. Two years ago their mother died, and since then no news has been received of their father.

These two children, who have had to share a bed and have been given the hardest tasks, including the cleaning of lavatories, have led the lives of martyrs.

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VALE.

PRESENTATION AT V.R.C. TO MR. J. R. JOHNSTONE.

[ARGUS.]

At the Victoria Recreation Club, last night, there was a large attendance at the swimming fête given as a farewell to Mr. J. R. Johnstone, the champion swimmer of the Colony who sailed for Canada by the "Empress of Russia" to-day. The programme of events produced capital entries and under the able supervision of Mr. R. C. Wittichell (Hon. Sec.) and the committee of management, the affair was a complete success.

Before distributing the prizes, Mr. W. Logan, Acting chairman of the V.R.C., on behalf of the committee and members of the Club, presented Mr. Johnstone with a gold wristlet watch as a token of remembrance and a mark of appreciation of his efforts on the Club's behalf in interport contests.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Logan said that "young Johnstone" had been a member of the Club about 8 years and was one of its finest swimmers. He had, like other good men, had his share of defeats which he had always taken in good part as was only natural with such a good sportsman. It was a healthy sign that Mr. Johnstone had not always had matters all his own way, but had met other competitors always able to "give him a race". During the time Mr. Johnstone had been a member of the V.R.C., he had won many trophies—as was evidenced by the photograph lent to the V.R.C. that night—and had put up a number of record performances. Among his most conspicuous achievements were: the winning of the Harbour race in 1919; winning of the Harbour race in 1920, when he made a new record of 23 mins. 53 secs.; winning of the Harbour race for the third time running in 1921; at the interport events in 1921, when representing Hongkong, winning the 880 yards, and the 100 yards.

Mr. Johnstone, continued the Chairman, had proved himself an all round swimmer, though he was never outstanding owing to the fact that there were always one or two men following close on his heels. He hoped there always would be, for the good of the Club. Mr. Johnstone was going to a land where there were many good swimmers, and when he excelled in that country, as the Chairman had no doubt he would, he hoped he would not neglect to let people know where he learned his swimming, and that he would not forget Hongkong or forget to let them know what he was doing.

MR. JOHNSTONE REPLIES.

After receiving the presentation watch at the hands of the chairman, Mr. Johnstone, in a short speech, thanked the committee and members for the reception given to him and for the handsome presentation which he would always cherish, he said, in memory of the happy times he had spent among his comrades at the V.R.C. "Since I joined the Club in 1915, I have always felt that, win or lose" I was competing against a bunch of sportsmen." Mr. Johnstone expressed regret that he would be unable to participate in this year's interport contests, but hoped that the V.R.C. would do even better than in former years and that the younger men would rally round the Club's flag and keep it flying.

After Mr. Logan had handed the prizes to last night's winners, dancing was indulged in to music provided by the Jazz Band from the "Empress of Russia". The results of the swimming races follow:—

Four Lengths' Handicap for Members.—1, B. Rasmussen, 55.2-5secs; 2, J. Stewart, 71.2-5secs.

Girls' Two Lengths' Handicap.—1, E. Anslow, 50.3-5secs; 2, P. Hyne, 55.3-5secs.

High Dive (open).—1, J. Stewart, 88.2 points; 2, C. McKenzie, 85; 3, Duncan, 83.2.

75 Yards Challenge Race.—1, D. Lyon, 44.9secs; 2, A. May, 45.1-5secs; 3, Hazare, 45.2-5secs.

Boys' Two Lengths' Handicap.—1, Cassanphy, 27.2-5secs; 2, Zimmerman, 32.2-5secs.

Ladies' Two Lengths' Handicap.—1, Miss C. Smith, 40.3-5secs; 2, Miss Ruby Chu, 42secs.

Open Team Race, two lengths.—1, U.A.C., 2mins. 22.2-5secs; 2, V.R.C.

Mixed Nomination Race.—1, Miss E. Bell and B. Rasmussen.

In his first speech on his trans-Continental tour, the late President Harding said he neither advanced nor retracted from his recent message to the Senate in regard to American participation in the World Court plan. He was embarking on no crusade, but he declared "my soul yearns for peace. My spirit is eager to serve, my passion is for justice over force. My hope is in the great Court. My mind is made up; my resolution is fixed."

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BOXER INDEMNITY.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE MONEY.

The China Mail has received a lengthy document bearing the title "Boxer Indemnity Fund and National Road Construction by Chou Kuo-Hung Secretary of the Good Roads Movement of China translated by Singno Joe." It is pointed out that "the term of extension for payments expires this year. Strictest Attention of our people is called for" and various bodies are urged to join "The Return of the Boxer Indemnity Fund Movement" evidently to use the money to disband soldiers and to engage "in the important work of road construction so as to stamp out the evil of banditry." The figures of the Indemnity are given as under:—

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Britain	50,712,795.00
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Austria	14,853,920.00
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Note—These figures are taken from "The Modern Diplomatic History of China."

It is pointed out that the amount set against Germany and Austria have been cancelled as a result of the war, whilst payments to Russia have been suspended. Method of procedure necessary to place a petition before the Powers are discussed in the following terms:—

It is the opinion of the writer that all organizations in China should be members of "The return of the Boxer Indemnity Fund Movement," and to this end representatives from the Union of the Chinese Chambers of Commerce and this body be dispatched to various ports and business centers for the purpose of establishing offices and enrolling the local organizations in this Movement. With the resolution passed by the Washington Conference regarding the abandonment of the Boxer Indemnity by the Powers for the purpose of industrial and educational enterprises for a base, the Movement will earnestly plead with the Ministers of the various Foreign countries at Peking, asking that they transmit our petition to their respective governments.

At the same time the petition will be communicated by telegram and letters to all Chinese Ministers and Consuls abroad and to all commercial and educational unions of overseas Chinese, earnestly requesting that they support our Movement abroad. Should this action prove ineffectual, a delegation would be selected by this establishment to accompany Mr. Wong—delegate from the various organizations would be welcome—on a tour of Europe and America for the purpose of making a special appeal and laying our cause before the various foreign governments in person. We believe that the powers who have continuously kept the principle of International friendship with China at heart will reach forth a liberal response to our request.

In the event of being fortunate enough to obtain the abandonment of Indemnity Claims:—

"The question that would arise is, what is the proper institution to receive such funds and be in position to see that the funds are not misused. At present our Government, which would be the proper institution in normal times to receive and handle the returned funds, is in a hazardous position and due to the untrustworthiness of many of the officials who put personal gain and self aggrandizement before public service, cannot be expected to handle these affairs in a manner that would be in accordance with the wishes of the Powers who want to see condition in China improved. It is believed that in order to obtain a favorable reply from the various Powers regarding the return of the Indemnity, a reliable institution would have to be selected and ample assurance given the Powers, that the funds would be expended for the purposes returned. As in the case of the second appeal to the Washington Conference by Mr. Wu and Mr. Wong, it was made known that though the indemnity might be abandoned freely and unreservedly, it would be necessary that careful account be kept of these funds be expended only for the purposes of education, charity, or productive business. Also it will be seen from a recent resolution of the Japanese Senate that the abandoned indemnity be used for the furthering of civilization in China. Although the question has been discussed by both Great Britain and Belgium for a year or

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Tuesday:—Chinese Debating Society at 7.30.

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A GRAVE QUESTION.

Mention was made regarding the projected seven million dollar building scheme at the proposed Kowloon Cemetery, at yesterday's committee meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Discussion first arose through the secretary (Mr. Ip Lan-chuen) reading a letter from a non-member protesting against an alleged proposal to move some graves.

At the outset, Mr. Li Po-kwai, the chairman, said that he had learned informally that the syndicate which had the scheme in view did not intend to remove graves on any scale. Only a few might be affected.

Mr. Chau U-ting pointed out that as the writer of the letter was not a member of the Chamber and the question of Chinese graves came more within the province of Chinese street committees, the Chamber, which was formed solely to protect and foster commerce, should not take the matter up. Mr. Ho Kwong argued that it was up to leading Chinese institutions to look into Chinese welfare. He thought the matter merited consideration.

Mr. Chan Pik-chuen, a member of the syndicate, then announced that it was not intended to interfere with the graves.

After a proposal had been made that the letter be discussed the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall explained the attitude of the Government and the syndicate's plans. Together with his colleague (the Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki) and other members of the Council, he had visited the site with Mr. Soares, one of the members of the syndicate. He could make no statement at present but he assured the meeting that from what he saw there was no intention to interfere with Chinese graves. He and his colleague had already informed the Colonial Secretary that the Chinese strongly objected to exhumation of graves for building purposes. As Mr. Chan Pik-chuen had stated that the graves would not be in the scope of the syndicate's activities, discussion was unnecessary.

more and there has been no expression of their decision, yet it is safe to say that the idea maintained by them would not deviate very much from that of America and Japan. As it is impossible to turn the funds over to the Government, then what is the proper institution to undertake so large a responsibility? Allow the writer to propose that it seems reasonable that the funds, besides being partially appropriated for the use of the Tsing Hua College according to the precedent established, be turned over to the Union of the Chinese Chambers of Commerce and the Committee of Good Roads Movement of China for the purpose of productive business of road construction with a view to maintaining an efficient supervision over its expenditure and keeping an accurate account. Otherwise it will be, not only contrary to the wishes of the Powers, but detrimental to the problem of road construction and the welfare of China.

The following slogan is embodied in the speech:—

Fellow countrymen, let us get together! Let bygones be bygones! Let us work together that we may pave the way to a glorious Nation. If we persist in straining apart with only a selfish purpose in view the future of China will be perdition bankruptcy, national disaster. Let us work together that we may give to our children not the heritage of overburdening debt and poverty, but the birthright of a Great and glorious Nation.

SHIPPING.

TRANS-PACIFIC COMPETITION.

The shipping trade of Japan is going to the wall, says the *Yamato* as translated by the *Japan Chronicle*. Over 60 per cent. of the raw silk outward bound was carried by foreign vessels during the first six months of this year. To be precise, 39 vessels operated by the Canadian Mail, the Admiral Line, and the Pacific Mail got 50.1 per cent. of the whole quantity, whereas 42 owned by the N.Y.K., the O.S.K. and the T.K.K. obtained only 39.1 per cent. The former group carried 17,929 passengers from Japan, while 9,153 went by the latter. No less than 10,451 persons came by the foreign companies mentioned and 6,854 by the Japanese. This unpopularity of the Japanese ships is attributed to the quality of the vessels. If this drift continues, the paper says, 80 per cent. of the trade will fall into the hands of foreign liners. The authorities recommend the building of fine ships and the amalgamation of the companies.

PACIFIC FREIGHTS.

An increasing importation of wheat and lumber from the Pacific Coast has brought a slight advance in freight rates. Lumber is quoted at \$15 and wheat at \$6. In consequence large vessels that had been withdrawn from ocean transportation for the lumber trade on the coast are again being sent across the Pacific. Wheat freight from the North American Pacific Coast to Europe is firm, 38s. being quoted.

SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY.

On the idea that shipbuilding costs have reached bottom, the leading steamship companies have begun planning the building of new vessels, as previously reported in the *Japan Chronicle*. In consequence the industry has taken a turn for the better. The report of the Osaka Iron Works shows that during the first half-year of 1922 the firm constructed 4 boats with a tonnage of 700. In the latter half-year 15 were built with a tonnage of 2,800. For the first half of 1923 the company reported 9 boats with 8,600 tons, consisting of small freight-passenger boats, trawlers and refrigerators.

LEVEL OF FREIGHTS.

The following table of Chamber of Shipping index numbers shows the fall in the level of freights since 1920, and also illustrates the position since September of last year, when voyage-charter rates touched bottom. The remarkable level and persistent drop of time-charter rates will be noted. Time-charter rates are much more affected by consideration naturally of the future than are port-to-port rates, and naturally reflect (perhaps even with some exaggeration) the unprofitable outlook for tramp shipping.

	Voyage-charter.	Time-charter.
1920 (average).....	100	100
1921 (average).....	27.6	36.3
1922 (average).....	29.7	26.6
1922:		
September.....	27.0	25.4
October.....	28.3	23.9
November.....	29.9	24.7
December.....	31.0	24.3
1923:		
January.....	29.4	24.1
February.....	28.9	23.9
March.....	29.4	23.7
April.....	32.2	23.9
May.....	30.8	23.5

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Sungola, (B.I.S.N.) from Singapore—Kowloon Wharf.
Fooksang, (J.M. & Co.) from Singapore—Kowloon Wharf.
Hutchow, (B. & S.) from Tientsin, Swatow—C39.
Warina, (B.I.S.N.) from Bangkok.
—B15.
Hopsang, (J.M. & Co.) from Bangkok, Swatow—C37.
Wingsang, (J.M. & Co.) from Manila—C32.

DEPARTURES.

Cheongshing, (J.M. & Co.) for Tientsin—August 9.
Sechuen, (B. & S.) for Amoy—August 9.
Prosper, (Fok Tai Cheong) for Saigon—August 9.
Taikwa Maru, (Y.K.K.) for Swatow—August 9.
Tonyo Maru, (T.K.K.) for Manila—August 9.
Emp. of Russia, (C.P.S. Ltd.) for Shanghai—August 9.
Yan On, (Yan Woo) for Hothow—August 9.
Grace Dollar, (Dollar) for Zamboanga—August 9.
Aizawa Maru, (Suzuki & Co.) for Keelung—August 9.
New Mathilde, (Yik Tai) for Haiphong—August 9.
Chun Sang, (J.M. & Co.) for Hothow—August 9.
Bengloe, (Gibb Liv.) for Shanghai—August 9.
Tasclunay, (St. Oil) for San Francisco—August 9.
Campinas, (Lapicque) for Hongay—August 9.

COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG NOTES AND COMMENT.

RICE MARKET UP.

The price of rice has gone up about fifty cents a picul in the last few days. This is due partly to definite reports having been received to the effect that the crops which would have soon become ready for harvesting have been badly damaged. Agents for up-country importers were buying and consequently prices shot up. In addition to this, arrivals from Saigon of rice have been few and small. A rumour has been circulated that foreigners are buying in Saigon and that the market there has gone up. To-day saw a fair number of purchases and clearances were good. Prices for the best qualities averaged:—No. 1 Siam long white, \$7.80 per picul, gross weight for net, delivery, ex ship on arrival, with usual trade additions and discounts.

No. 1 Saigon white \$6.56 on same terms.

FLOUR.

There has been a fair volume of business with prices remaining steady. A few sales were made for outports.

JAVA SUGAR.

On Tuesday and yesterday, several thousand piculs changed hands but this did not sustain the market, the general tone of which is weak. Despite continual efforts by owners of "second-hands" there is lacking a genuine feeling of confidence. This morning's quotations for sugar, one month's delivery ex godown, net weights, with usual trade additions and discounts were:—

No. 24 rough white (new crop) \$11.80 per picul, (second-hands \$11.60).
No. 24 fine white \$12.80.
No. 18 rough brown \$12.00.
A real demand exists for No. 18 rough brown which is required for several Chinese industries but stocks are very small.

METALS.

A difference of \$1 per picul keg exists in the prices quoted to-day by importers for indents of 330 usual assortment wire nails. To-day, one importer was canvassing for orders for continental goods at \$10.80 per picul, C.I.F. and ex godown Hongkong, arrival in 3 to 5 months. On the other hand, other merchants have been able to accept indents at \$9.80 per picul. To prove that they are not "bears" they canvassed for further orders at the same price.

There is not an abundance of stock in the Colony although it is stated that fairly large lots are to arrive in the next few months. On the whole, dealers seem to be hopeful of an improvement in the situation towards the end of the year. Those that have sought to arrive are evidently more confident.

STEEL BARS.

Slightly higher prices are being asked by the manufacturers and a firmer tone has made its appearance in the local market. However, the local market has not improved much as little business has been done. There is one peculiar aspect to record which is that owing to the scarcity of stocks in the Colony, higher prices are demanded for the 1" round than some smaller sizes. A few buyers are still in the market for Shanghai principals but they are content to snap up bargains when forthcoming.

To-day, one lot of 85 tons was settled to arrive in the next few months on the following basis:—Round, from 3/16" and up, Flat from 3/4" to 1" thickness by 3/4" to 3" wide, Square 3/4" to 2", total 85 tons at \$6.00 picul. Another lot was closed on the following terms:—Round 1/2" at \$6.45 per picul.

In the local market for spot goods, there has been some demand for 3/4" and 1" round bars, in which there have been some clearances for outports, but there is no anxiety to do business on a large scale. This morning, one large dealer quoted round bars as follows:—3/16", 1/2" and 5/16" at \$7.20 per picul; 3/4" to 1" at \$6.20 and 1" at \$6.40.

TINPLATES.

Little has been done in the way of indents for tinplates. Local prices are steady after the recent fluctuations. European tinplates, ICW, 20 x 14, 112s, 100 lbs are quoted at \$11.60 spot goods. There are hardly any stocks of American tinplates in the Colony and nominal quotations range about 5 per cent higher than the European article.

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS.

APPLE EXPORT.

The 1923 apple shipments from Australia promise to run into heavy export totals. At the end of January, space had been booked as follows:—Tasmania, 1,500,000 cases; Victoria, 532,000 cases; Western Australia, 250,000 cases; South Australia, 20,000 cases. Following the announcement of a reduction of freights on steamers of the Commonwealth Government Line, substantial additions to these totals may be anticipated. The export season will commence about the end of February. Space booked for pear shipments includes 10,000 cases from Victoria.

RECORD WOOL PRICE.

A new record for fine merino wool was established at the Wool Exchange, Melbourne, on February 6, when for five bales of super coming of "C" (in circle) over TH from Coleraine district 36 3/4d. a lb. was paid. Eight bales of the same clip realised 36d. and among the other prices were 34 3/4d. 34d. and 33 3/4d.

AUSTRALIAN FINANCE.

Customs revenue in the Commonwealth of Australia, for January, amounted to £2,878,498, which was an increase of £602,826,

TAXING THE WORLD.

RAIDS ON BRITISH AGENTS.

Great interest is being taken in commercial circles in the Inland Revenue Department's income-tax struggle over the profits made by foreign firms who sell raw or partly manufactured goods in England through English agents and brokers.

Two large firms in the City of London have been recently assessed in respect of profits made by some foreign firms in the timber and wood-pulp trade. The Inland Revenue Department is looking to the London agents for the income tax upon these profits for the past three years.

The London agents deny liability and say if the claim is pressed they must go out of business, thereby depriving the Inland Revenue Department of a large sum paid in income tax on their own profits.

REGULAR AGENTS LIABLE.

Discussing the question, an official of the Inland Revenue Department said:—

An agent in England acting for a foreign firm in a particular transaction without being its regular agent is not liable for taxation on the profit of that transaction. If he acts as a regular agent he is liable.

The problem is a very difficult one. For one case clearly inside the line there are 100 on the border-line or outside it altogether. We have to prove our case up to the hilt before we can claim the money.

Where there is a doubt the foreign firm has the benefit of it. Much money has been raised by the tax. It means that money made in Great Britain by a firm abroad is taxed for the benefit of this country.

The question of the double taxation of the foreign firm—first in its own country and then in England—has been dealt with recently by an international commission, the findings of which have not yet been announced.

The two particular firms in the present case will have ample opportunity to contest the assessment. Their case can be put before the Commissioners and they can be represented by counsel. The case can also go to the High Court and, if necessary, to the House of Lords.

The possibility of the taxation causing the liquidation of an important business and depriving the Inland Revenue of a large sum paid by it in income tax on its own profits is no concern of this Department.

over that of January 1922. For the seven months of the financial year, the revenue totalled £19,377,099, an increase on that of the corresponding period of 1921-22 of £3,991,134. The estimate for the seven months was £17,333,333. The postal revenue for January was £885,822, an increase of £11,405 over that of January 1922. For the seven months the receipts were £5,630,964, a comparative increase of £245,247. Surplus on the estimate amounted to £1,798.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

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GENOA.
Aug. 11.—G.L. Carnarvonshire.
15.—B.F. Titian.
18.—N.D.L. Gottingen.
Sept. 18.—N.D.L. Ludwigshafen.
20.—B.F. Kt. Templar.
Oct. 18.—N.D.L. Weer.

MARSEILLES.
Aug. 8.—P. & O. Elia.
10.—N.Y.K. Titian.
15.—B.F. Titian.
20.—B.F. Titian.
21.—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru.
22.—P. & O. Kashmir.
23.—P. & O. Sillia.
28.—E.L. City of Glasgow.
29.—N.Y.K. Suwa Maru.
Sept. 1.—B.F. Agamemnon.
4.—B.F. Patroclus.
10.—N.Y.K. London Maru.
15.—P. & O. Macedonia.
20.—B.F. Kt. Templar.
21.—P. & O. Drogola.
22.—P. & O. Australia.
23.—P. & O. Mantua.
28.—P. & O. Karalia.
29.—E.L. Caladonia.
Sept. 1.—B.F. Nellore.
4.—P. & O. Macedonia.
10.—N.Y.K. Kashgar.
15.—P. & O. Horu.
20.—P. & O. Karalia.
21.—P. & O. Naldara.
22.—P. & O. Kalyan.
23.—P. & O. China.

GIBRALTAR.
Aug. 22.—P. & O. Kashmir.
Sept. 1.—P. & O. Macedonia.
Oct. 5.—P. & O. Karalia.
18.—P. & O. Karalia.
Nov. 2.—P. & O. Nellore.
4.—P. & O.

HAVER.
Aug. 20.—N.Y.K. Bolivia.
Sept. 1.—P. & O. Agamemnon.
Oct. 15.—E.A. Jara.
Nov. 16.—E.A. Chile.

LONDON.
Aug. 13.—B.F. Rhezenor.
14.—B.F. Carnarvonshire.
15.—N.Y.K. London Maru.
20.—P. & O. Empress of Asia.
21.—P. & O. Sillia.
22.—P. & O. Dardanus.
23.—P. & O. City of Glasgow.
28.—N.Y.K. Suwa Maru.
29.—G.L. Gottingen.
Sept. 1.—E.A. Bolivia.
4.—B.F. Patroclus.
10.—N.Y.K. London Maru.
15.—P. & O. Empress of Asia.
20.—P. & O. Pyrrhus.
21.—B.F. Lyson.
22.—P. & O. Mentor.
23.—P. & O. Empress of Canada.
28.—E.A. Jara.
29.—P. & O. Dongola.
Oct. 1.—P. & O. Soudan.
4.—C.P.S. Empress of Russia.
5.—P. & O. Mantua.
8.—E.A. Africa.
8.—B.F. Agamemnon.
19.—P. & O. Karalia.
22.—P. & O. Sillia.
23.—P. & O. Kalyan.
28.—P. & O. Caladonia.
29.—E.A. Nellore.
15.—E.A. Chile.
16.—P. & O. Malwa.
24.—P. & O. Soudan.
28.—P. & O. China.
Dec. 14.—P. & O. Darvasha.
28.—P. & O. Kaiser-i-Hind.
Jan. 11.—P. & O. Elia.
25.—P. & O. Macedonia.
Feb. 8.—P. & O. Kashgar.
22.—P. & O. Horu.
Mar. 7.—P. & O. Karalia.
21.—P. & O. Naldara.
Apr. 4.—P. & O. Kalyan.
18.—P. & O. China.

LIVERPOOL.

Aug. 10.—N.Y.K. Titian.
15.—B.F. Titian.
20.—B.F. Titian.

GLASGOW.

Aug. 15.—B.F. Titian.
Sept. 1.—B.F. Agamemnon.
20.—B.F. Kt. Templar.

AMSTERDAM.

Aug. 31.—E.A. Bolivia.
Sept. 6.—J.O.J.L. Sapporo.
23.—E.A. Jara.
Oct. 5.—E.A. Africa.
Nov. 15.—E.A. Kertsonso.
Chile.

ROTTERDAM.

Aug. 13.—B.F. Rhezenor.
14.—G.L. Carnarvonshire.
15.—H.A.L. Muensterland.
18.—N.D.L. Gottingen.
19.—B.F. Scher.
20.—B.F. Laomedon.
27.—B.F. Dardanus.
28.—G.L. Glenbeg.
31.—E.A. Bolivia.
Sept. 6.—J.O.J.L. Sapporo.
10.—B.F. Pyrrhus.
12.—B.F. Mentor.
17.—B.F. Lyson.
19.—N.D.L. Ludwigshafen.
20.—B.B. Albert Vogler.
21.—P. & O. Dongola.
22.—P. & O. Mantua.
23.—P. & O. Weer.
15.—N.D.L. Karalia.
16.—N.D.L. Caladonia.
Nov. 15.—E.A. Nellore.

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20.—B.F. Hakone Maru.
21.—N.Y.K. Kashmir.
22.—P. & O. Sillia.
23.—N.Y.K. Suwa Maru.
Sept. 4.—O.S.K. London Maru.
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BREMEN.

Oct. 4.—J.O.J.L. Kertsonso.

COPENHAGEN.

Aug. 31.—E.A. Bolivia.
Sept. 23.—E.A. Jara.
Oct. 5.—E.A. Africa.
Nov. 15.—E.A. Chile.

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LATER DANCING.

NEW ACT NEEDED.

London is to be brighter. London may even dance after midnight on five nights of the week—next year.

The Theatres and Music Halls Committee of the London Council is shortly to submit to the Council a report recommending that the next General Powers Bill should include powers to enable the Council to grant late night extensions of dancing licences at its discretion.

The present London County Council regulations are based on a law for the regulation of "disorderly houses," enacted in 1751. Dancing until 2 a.m. is permitted in some public establishments on three nights of the week, but beyond this the Council at present cannot go.

Sir Percy Simmons, chairman of the committee, said to a *Daily Mail* reporter:

It is not part of the Council's duty, in the committee's opinion, to decide what time people should go to bed. The Council's powers are limited by statute, and as many 2 a.m. extensions to dancing licences have been granted as possible.

The committee would willingly grant more if it had the power to do so. The licensing of public places is at present in a state of absolute chaos, and the question should be taken in hand by the Government.

If the recommendations of the committee are accepted by the Council, the amended law would probably not be passed till next year.

Correspondents of *The Daily Mail* protest against the hampering of harmless pleasure by restrictions surviving from another age.

Miss Jessie F. Marsh, of 70 Crescent-road, Wood Green, N.7, says:

It seems to me that it would be much better for all concerned if the London County Council were to allow late dancing in places like the London hotels, where everything is so obviously above board rather than drive people after midnight into London's night clubs.

WIFE-BURNING.

CHEERY DAYS UNDER PHARAOH.

Sir William Flinders Petrie's cheery little book "Social Life in Ancient Egypt" (Constable, 6s.) is the prelude to a larger and more serious work, "Descriptive Sociology of Egypt," which is shortly to be published under Herbert Spencer's will. It gives an attractive picture of life as it was lived under the Pharaohs.

The people enjoyed good things and would have scandalised "Pussyfoot" Johnsons.

A servant begs the guest to "drink to drunkenness, make holiday," and a lady says (naughtily): "Give me eighteen cups of wine; behold, I should love drunkenness." It seems to have been no more reprehensible than going to a prize-fight now.

The ordering of the table was a little primitive:

Food was held in the right hand, a knife was used if wanted, but forks were unknown, as they were in England before A.D. 1300. Spoons are very rarely found before Greek times. There were small ones of ivory in the prehistoric age, perhaps used for eggs. The position of woman was a high one, though when the ties of matrimony were not observed the Egyptians were apt to burn the erring wife.

As late as 1,400 B.C. there was still surviving the idea that a man was only a boarder in a woman's house. "Be not rude to a woman in her house if thou knowest her thoroughly. Do not say, 'What is that? Bring it to me.'"

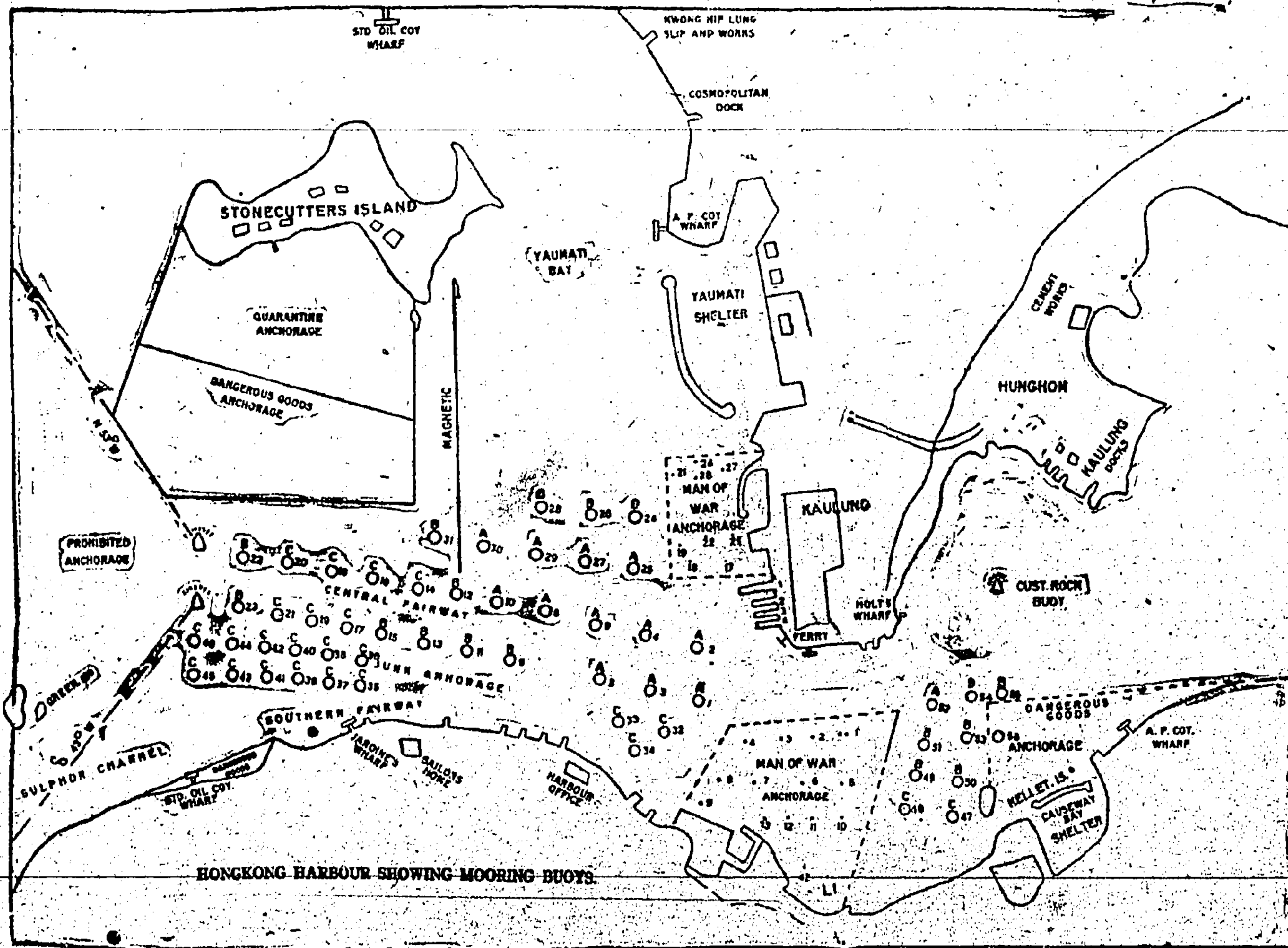
THE HAREMS.

The royal deacon was by the female line, but that did not prevent the Pharaohs from keeping harems! Life in the harem is figured at Amarna: the girls are dancing, playing instruments, hair-dressing and feeding, and the rooms have musical instruments, mirrors, boxes and chairs.

Sir William Flinders Petrie is quite certain that the pyramids were not built, as we have sometimes been told, "with tears and blood."

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This is a most agreeably written and informative book by a famous expert.





Miss Jean Hodson

It required a special act of Congress to make Miss Jean Hodson a Field Clerk in the United States Army, that position being held otherwise only by men. She is stationed in the Presidio, in San Francisco, California, as secretary to Major-General Morton.



Miss Ivy I. Deakin

Miss Ivy I. Deakin, daughter of a Sydney financier, admitted, when she landed in San Francisco, that she was Australia's champion flirt, boasting that she vamped everything on the Pacific liner "Sonoma," except the anchor. She told the passengers that as soon as she could get some long skirts (they still wear 'em short Down Under) she was going to vamp herself an American husband.



This is an exclusive photograph of Chris Coronel, Filipino chauffeur of Fred Tod, millionaire Youngstown steel man. Coronel has confessed he murdered Helena Drachman when she spurned his love and that he hid her mutilated body under a culvert.



Mrs. Robert Malcolm

Mrs. Robert Malcolm, wife of the millionaire head of two art manufacturing concerns is fighting her husband's attempt to annul their marriage. Malcolm alleges his wife was granted a divorce from her husband barely four months before they married, in 1907, and that her divorce had not become effective. Mrs. Malcolm fights on the grounds that if her husband's action is successful it would illegitimize their two children—Robert, Jr. and Ruth.



Mount Etna

Mount Etna is here shown in eruption.



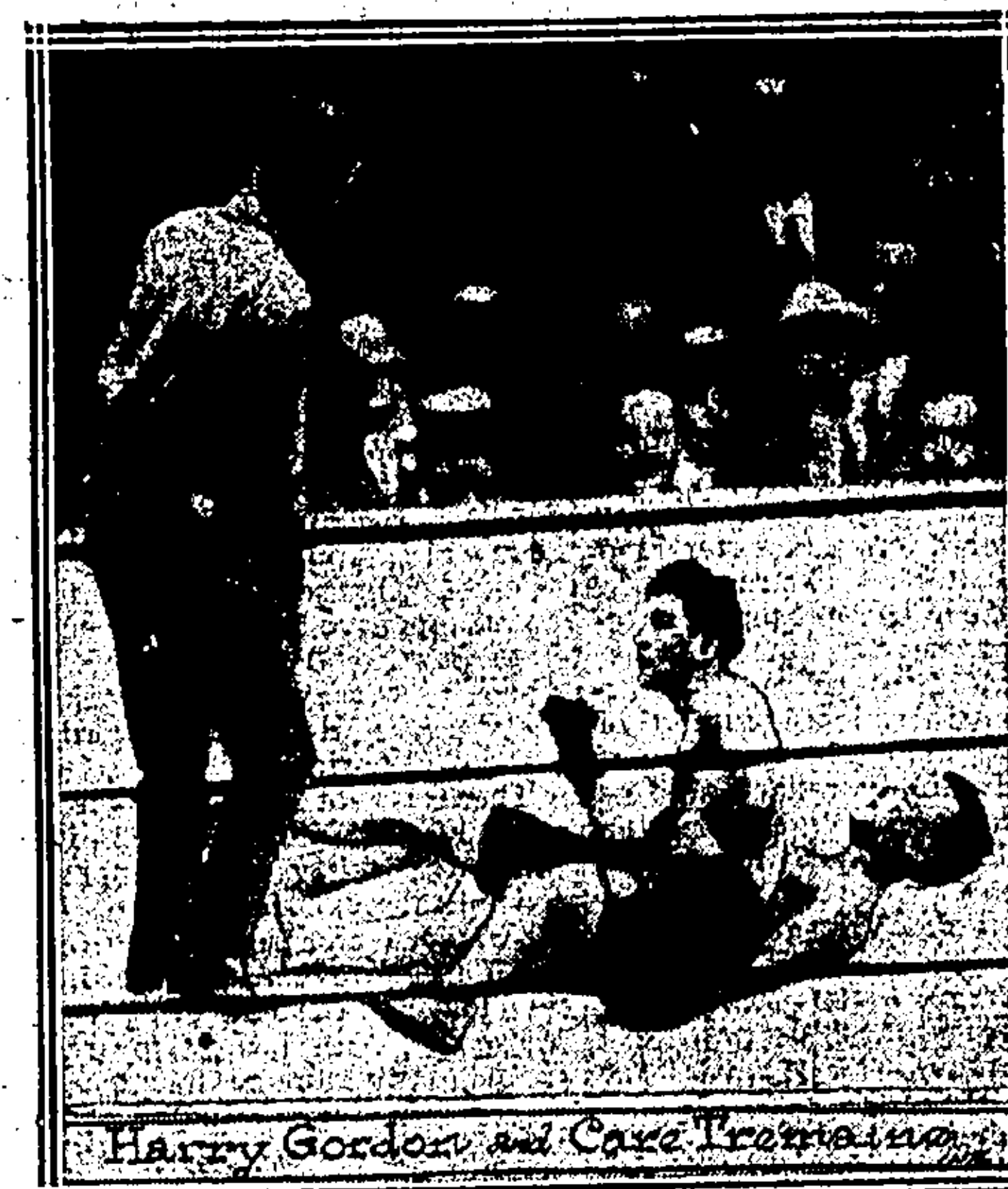
Lt. Col. C. G. Collins

Charles Glenn Collins, formerly a Lieutenant-Colonel in the British army, has sailed from New Orleans for New York, where he will take another liner en route to England. This ends one of the longest extradition fights ever waged in American courts. The British Government has been seeking his return to Bombay, India, to face a charge of "cheating," a special crime in the British East Indian penal code. Colonel Collins declares he is innocent, asserting the Bombay Parsee merchants of whom he purchased jewels, giving part cash and drafts for 4,000 pounds sterling for the balance, filed criminal charges in an effort to speed up the time payments.



Miss Louise Moore

Miss Louise Moore is soon to become the bride of the Chief of Police of Wilmington, whom she has never seen, but to whom she became engaged as a result of mail courtship.



Here is one of the strangest fight pictures ever taken. In the preliminary fight before Pancho Villa, the Filipino, won the world's bantamweight championship from Jimmy Wilde, Harry Gordon fought Carl Tremaine. The bantams were mixing it up fiercely when they landed simultaneous rights to the jaw, each knocking the other down. Both men took the count before continuing the fight, which went to Gordon on the referee's decision.

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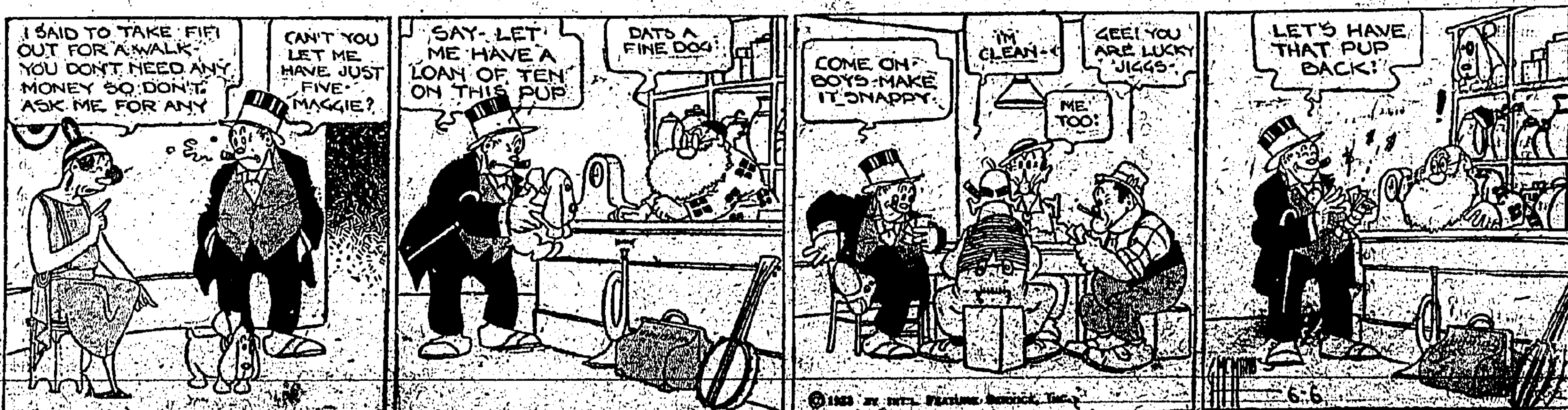
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Hand Bags, Purses, Belts, etc.
Pottinger St., 208 Queen's Rd. Ct.
and 28 Hillier St.

Ho Hing, 224 Des Voeux Road, Manu-
facturers of Leather Suitcases, Hand
Bags, Trunks, etc.

Merchants.

Asia Commercial & Development Co.,
China Bank Buildings (3rd floor) Tel. 2809

Gibbs, J. & Co., Alexandra Building.

Millinery

Madame Lily, Alexandra Building,
Latest models and creations from
Paris in Frock and Millinery.
"The Centre of Fashion."

Miners

China Commercial Co., Ltd.,
Miners, Importers and Exporters,
44-46 Queen's Road Ct. Tel. Cen. 2502.

Modistes

Madame Piliat,
31, Queen's Road Cen. Tel. Cen. 689,
(Latest Fashion in Hats)

Optician

The Hongkong Optical Co., Phone 2112,
42, Queen's Road Central

M. Lacaze, Optician,
Tel. Cen. 22-12, Queen's Rd. Central

Printers

The "China Mail," General Printers,
Publishers and Bookbinders,
4, Wyndham Street, Tel. Cen. 21

Photographers

Meo Cheung, Photographer,
23, Ice House Street,
7, Rosefield Arcade (Branch),
Developing & Printing undertaken.

Po Kwong Photo Studio
129, Wellington Street,
Photo Supplies and Developing,
Art picture dealer.

Rubber & Wood.

Tankahke & Co., 39 Connaught Rd. W.
Manufacturers of Rubber Shoes and
Singapore Wood. Tel. Central 4473.

Scales.

Mustard & Co., Connaught Road Central.

Ship Chandlers

Chung Fook, 78 Connaught Rd. Central.
First floor, Tel. Central 689.
Ship Chandler, Storekeepers and
Commissioners.

E. Hing & Co.,
25 Wing Wo Street, Tel. Central 1116
Metal Merchants & Ship Chandlers,
Managing Director—Mr. H. S. Chin.

Sun Cheong, Provision Merchant,
Tel. C. 3761, 66 Praya East, Vanchai

Wang Kee & Co., Shipchangers,
Commissioners, Storekeepers & Coal
Merchants, 24 and 26, Connaught Road, Tel.
Central No. 943.

Shipowners

Man Wing S. S. Co., Ltd.,
38 Bonham Strand West, Tel. Cen. 1710
Regular fortnightly service
Hongkong and Haiphong via Hotham
as "Haitan."

Thai Thuan S. S. Co., Ltd.,
147 Wing Lok Street, East, Tel. Cen. 83
as "Derwent" s.s. "Bourbon"
between Hongkong and Saigon

Shoemakers

Jam Kee, Dealer in Sewing Machines
and Accessories, Boot & Shoe Water,
7 Pottinger Street.

WONG SHU WOOD
SILK STORES & SHIPPERS FOR LADIES' GENTS'
BEST DESIGNS, PRICES MODERATE
22, POTTINGER ST., PHUNG HING

Silk Stores.

O. Chellaram—Royal Silk Store,
31a Queen's Road Central, Satin
Crops de China, Georgetown and
Brocade Silks.

Pohoon Bros., 58, Queen's Rd. C.

Tailors

Hongkong Tailoring Co.,
Ladies' and Gents' Tailors,
10, D'Aguilar Street, New Materials
of all descriptions. Tel. Cen. 3380.

Ah Young, Tailor, Drapers & Out-
fitters, Hat & Clothing, Suits made
to order, No. 74, Queen's Road
Central, Tel. Central No. 2830.

Sing Cheong,
Ladies' and Gents' Tailor,
24, Wyndham Street, 2nd floor.

Tobacco, Cigarettes.

British American Tobacco Co.
(China), Ltd. 15-19 Connaught Road.

Typewriters, Etc.

Mustard & Co., Connaught Road Central.

Wine & Spirit Merchants

Kwan Tye, General Storekeeper
Wine & Spirit Merchant,
No. 105, Queen's Road Central

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been
compiled at the National Almanac Office
in London from the results of the analysis
of observations taken by means of an
automatic tide-recording machine in the
Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui
during the years 1905-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with
the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty
Chart which has been found to be 4 feet
below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the
tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard
add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge
at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet
4 inches to the height given in the table.

August 4 to 10, 1928.

High Water

Low Water

Board of Conservancy Works of
Kwongtung

Waterlevels in English Feet at 8 a.m.

Place of Observation

Wuchow

Kowloon

North River

South River

Shanghai

East River

Wuchow

Kowloon

North River

South River

Shanghai

East River

WEATHER REPORT.

August 8d 15h 35m.—Warning to
Hongkong Coast Ports. &c.—De-
pression or typhoon of unknown
intensity within 120 miles of Lat
18° N. Long 130° E., moving
W.N.W.

August 9d 10d 57m.—Warning to
Hongkong Coast Ports &c.—De-
pression or typhoon of unknown
intensity within 120 miles of Lat
20° N. Long 125° E., moving
W.N.W.

August 9d 11h 10m.—Pressure
has decreased moderately over N.
Luzon and S. Formosa. It is nearly
stationary over S. China.

The Loochoos typhoon is still
shown as a depression to the south
of the Yangtze Valley.

At 6 a.m. this morning the Guam
typhoon was in about Lat. 20° N.
and Long 125° E., moving W.N.W.
Hongkong is under the 24 hour
ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st, 63.27 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on August 10, 1928:
1.—Fuzhou Channel, light, variable
winds, freshening from North.

2.—South coast of China between
Hankow and Lamooka, West or
variable winds; moderate.

3.—Hongkong to Pearl River, West or
variable winds; moderate.

4.—South coast of China between
Hankow and Hainan, light, variable
winds.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG
DAILY WEATHER REPORT

AUGUST 9, 1928.—a.m.

Station, Hour, Barometer at Sea Level, Temperature, Humidity, Direction, Force.

Victoria 6. 29.81 71. NNE 2 0

Nemuro 6. 29.81 71. NNE 2 0

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"ANTIOCHUS" 8th Sept. via Suez

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"MENTOR" 24th Sept. for Singapore & London
"TALHYBIUS" 6th Nov. for Singapore & London
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